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I.—Authorized Capital £8,000,000

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II.—Fire Insurance 3,827,047

III.—Life & Annuity Funds 17,667,680

Sinking Fund Account 128,230

£23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch £2,581,456

Life and Annuity 2,141,583

Branches ( )

Revenue Marine Department 837,239

Other Receipts 478,940

£5,339,228

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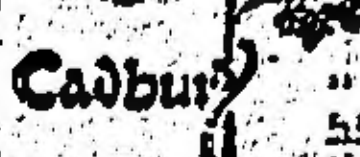
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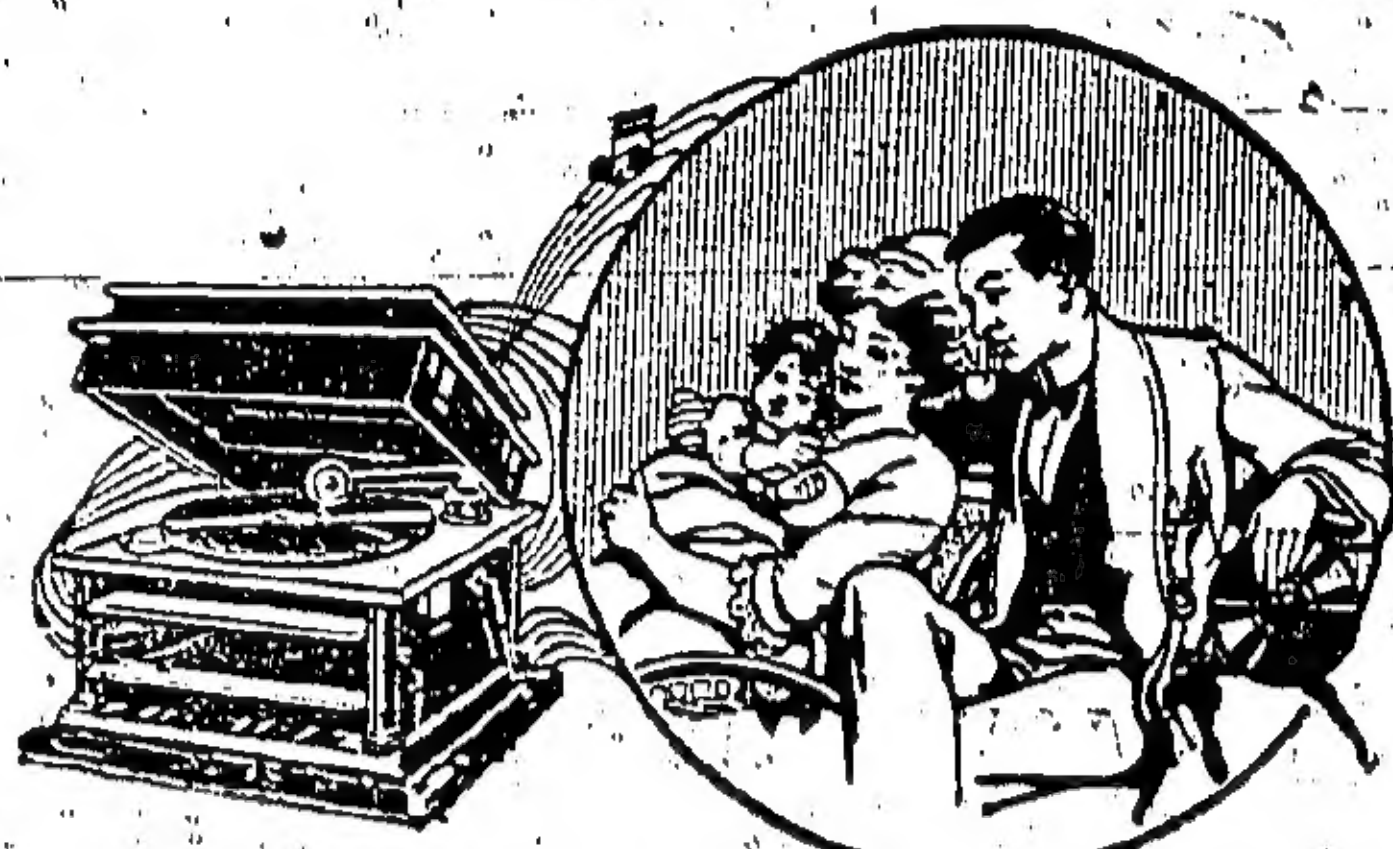
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K. KATO,

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## CHRISTMAS

AT THE

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

At the request of several patrons of the  
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a series of dances to be held during  
Christmas Week open to residents and  
diners in the Hotel. These will take  
place on the following night:—

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY, 24th December, 1915.

BOXING DAY

MONDAY, 27th December, 1915.

NEW YEAR EVE

FRIDAY, 31st December, 1915.

By kind permission of Lieut. Colonel L.  
A. WATSON and Officers the Band of the  
74th Pembrokeshire and Carmarthen Christian  
will be in attendance.

Special menus will be served in the  
Grill Room at \$3.50 per head and in the  
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Table accommodation can be reserved at  
the Hotel Main Office.  
The Hotel Launch will leave Blake Pier  
each night for Kowloon after the dance.

J. H. TAGGART,

Manager.

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## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

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side the Company's wharf where there is a

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concerning the Port can be had on

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Time Obvious.

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In a little back room I call my own,  
And life for me would be no joke  
If I had not "Three Castles" Cigarettes to smoke.

CHORUS

Ha-ha-ha, you and me,  
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee,  
Ha-ha-ha, you and me,  
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee.

When I go down to work each day  
I've got to smoke upon my way,  
I smoke the best in all the land  
Which means Wills "Three Castles" brand.

Chorus.

I can't afford to smoke cigars,  
My slender pay that habit bars,  
But I'm as pleased, it's common sense,  
With a little Green Tin at 50 cents.

Chorus.

Like Johnson, it has proved its worth;  
It is the "Greatest Smoke On Earth".  
Obtainable from East to West  
The "Three Castles" Cigarette is the best.

Chorus.

If I'd a tree that grew such leaf,  
I'd pluck the foliage by the shaft;  
Then lay me down with spirits light  
And smoke "Magnums" all day and night.

CHORUS

Ha-ha-ha, you and me,  
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee,  
Ha-ha-ha, you and me,  
Little Green Tin, don't I love thee.

## COMMERCIAL.

## FREIGHT MARKET.

Messrs. Snowman and Co., in their  
freight circular, dated Hongkong, 11th  
December, state:—

Since our last report written on the  
27th ult., the freight market has con-  
tinued exceedingly firm, and if not much  
trip-chartersing has been effected in the  
various trades, this was chiefly due to  
the scarcity of boats able to give prompt  
loading. For this reason requirements  
for tonnage to load at Saigon for this  
month could not be satisfied, even not at the  
enhanced rate of 35 cents per picul, and  
there are also a good deal of orders for  
coal trips down south left unfilled, which  
is quite exceptional, as Charterers have  
been accustomed to see a declining mar-  
ket generally at this time of the season.

In the way of time-chartering there has  
been quite a rush for vessels for prompt  
as well as forward delivery, and a good  
many fixtures have taken place for long  
terms at fabulous rates that leave owners  
a very handsome profit indeed. Charters  
have been renewed, and extensions have  
been made to as far ahead as 1916 as  
between \$6 to \$8 per ton, according to  
length of time and type of the vessel,  
and in one case even \$10 per ton on the  
dead-weight has been paid, the s.s.  
"Haimun" being chartered for 12  
months at \$13,000 p.m., owners to pro-  
vide a Hongkong Government Passenger  
Certificate.

The North reports that coasting trade  
continues brisk and freights are still firm  
in all directions.

Saigon/Hongkong.—The closing rate a  
fortnight ago was 27 cents, since when  
only one fixture has been reported at 30  
cents and another at 32 cents per picul.  
Although charterers are indicating 35  
cents as likely leading to business, no  
further tonnage for prompt loading is  
procureable at the time. Anticipating a  
high market next season speculators have  
already been negotiating for series of trips  
for forward delivery, and the charter of  
the s.s. "Faussang" is reported for 6  
consecutive trips on lumpsum basis at  
\$20,000 per trip, downward cargo and  
passengers for charterers benefit, first trip  
to commence shortly after Chinese New  
Year, which falls due on the 3rd of  
February next.

Rice export from Saigon from 1st Janu-  
ary to 20th September amount to total  
702,559 tons as compared with 508,427  
tons during the same period last year.  
Quotation stands for November/December  
shipments at \$4.84 per picul f.o.b. Saigon.

Saigon/Philippines.—In the interval  
demand was filled by a Philippine owned  
vessel at 34 centavos per picul to Cebu.  
Estimates of the new rice crop in the  
Philippine Islands go to show that sup-  
plies there will be greater than anything  
during the past twenty years, so that  
importation of rice during next season is  
expected to be light.

Bangkok.—The berth rate now stands  
at 30/23 cents per picul for loading  
inside/outside bar respectively. The s.s.  
"Hopsang" of 45/50,000 piculs carrying  
capacity has been taken up for 4 con-  
secutive round-trips Hongkong/Haitong,  
optional Swatow/Bangkok/Hongkong, de-  
livery February/March next at \$28.50  
lump sum per trip.

Delays/Canton.—Regular liners holding  
out for 56 cents per picul for usual part  
cargoes charterers had to fall back on  
Japanese tonnage, leading to the fixture  
of the s.s. "Matsun" on basis of  
35,000 piculs at 37 cents per picul.

Coal freights from Japan remain firm  
with a good enquiry for prompt and for-  
ward-loading at last rates paid.

Fixtures Reported.—Moji/Hongkong,  
Bonny/Osaka, Yen A.O. and Hongy/  
Hongkong, P.T.

Sail tonnage in port.—Brit. barque  
"Daylight," 3,550 tons nett reg., and  
British barque "Drumton," 1,820 tons  
nett reg.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE Cannot be  
Boated, It Equalled. For Bread  
Cakes, Confectioners Meals with Wines &  
Liquors.

1027.

## ADVICES FROM LONDON.

Messrs. Snowman & Co.'s latest advices  
received from London dated 29th October,  
1915, are as follows:—

We confirm our last week's freight  
report, since which rates have further  
increased, and it is only with the greatest  
difficulty that charterers can secure ab-  
solutely necessary tonnage. Rates all over  
the world have improved considerably, the  
River Plate, however, showing the greatest  
change, and up to 87 1/2 was paid for  
November/December loading. American  
markets have also hardened and continue  
very firm. The North Pacific is practically  
bare of tonnage, and although 125/- is  
offered for a prompt steamer via the Straits  
of Magellan, Charterers are unable to  
secure a vessel. Australia paid 95/- which  
has had the effect of increasing Owners  
ideas in the Eastern markets where ton-  
nage still remains very scarce.

Far East.—Although bean charterers have  
increased their ideas to 130/-, they are still  
without the tonnage as they insist on  
customary discharge. Philippines/States  
also is open for boats, and high rates will  
be paid from there very shortly.

Java.—Charterers are not yet up to  
owners' ideas although they are now  
indicating 77 1/2 to 80/-.

Rice.—A very cheap boat was secured  
by one of these charterers at 76/3 to French  
ports, although other charterers at the  
same time were offering 82/4, which rate  
can easily be obtained for November  
December steamers. Meat to Liverpool is  
offering at 80/-.

Time Charter.—Quite a number of  
orders are still on the market, and rates for  
this description of chartering remain very  
firm, the great difficulty being getting  
the tonnage, as usually all the boats  
with good speed are being requisitioned by  
our Government. For 6 months trans-  
oceanic trade as much as 21/- has  
been paid for an ordinary tramp steamer,  
and 41/- is to-day obtainable for a  
charterer giving delivery in the United  
States with redelivery to E. There are  
also several fresh enquiries on the market  
this week for steamers giving delivery in  
the Far East or North Pacific for the timber  
trade but we fear charterers will have  
to wait some considerable time before they  
get tonnage at anything like the rate they  
can afford to pay. There is also a good  
demand for steamers for the near trades,  
and rates about 22/- to 23/- can easily be  
obtained for any steamers willing to give  
Charterers trading limits.

## BEGINNING OF THE END.

Mr. A. H. Pollen, lecturing on "The  
Navy at War" at His Majesty's Theatre  
recently, said: "When the organized  
Socialists of Berlin called upon the Em-  
peror to summon the Reichstag, so that  
prices of food and the state of siege of the  
city might be considered; when the munici-  
pality complained to the Burgomaster of  
ruinous prices; when the agrarian paper  
declared that more than 90 per cent. of  
the cattle fodder had failed this year; and  
when they found meat being sold in Berlin  
on two or three days a week only—he did  
not say that the end of the war was in  
sight, but the beginning of the end was.

These facts were the most eloquent  
tribute possible to the work of the British  
Navy. (Cheers.)

## COUGHING INTO CONSUMPTION

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## INTIMATIONS

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF  
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NOTICE is hereby given that an  
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of the Union Insurance Society  
of Canton, Limited, will be held at the  
Head Office of the Society, No. 3 Queen's  
Buildings, 100 House Street, Victoria,  
in the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY  
the 20th day of December, 1915, at 10 o'clock  
in the forenoon, when the following  
Resolutions which were passed at Extra-  
ordinary Meetings of the said Society held  
on the 4th day of December, 1915 will be  
submitted for confirmation as Special  
Resolutions:—

1. "That the Capital of the Society be  
increased by the creation of  
"3,000 (Three thousand six hundred)  
"additional ordinary shares of \$30/-  
"each (whereof \$100 (One hundred)  
"Dollars) shall be credited as paid  
"up) ranking for dividend and in all  
"other respects par with the  
"existing ordinary shares of the  
"Society; and that the said ad-  
"ditional shares, so far as shall be  
"necessary for the purpose, be issued  
"to these Shareholders of the China  
"Fire Insurance Company Limited,  
"who have accepted or shall accept  
"the Society's offer made to them on  
"the 4th day of August, 1915—such  
"issue being in accordance with the  
"terms of a contract or memorandum  
"writing made or to be made  
"pursuant to the said offer and to be  
"filed with the Registrar of Com-  
"panies; and that the balance (if  
"any) of the said additional shares  
"be disposed of by the Society's  
"Board of Directors in such manner  
"as such Board shall think most  
"beneficial to the Society."

2. "That Article No. 9 of the Society's  
"Articles of Association which now  
"reads:—  
"The Society shall have a first and  
"paramount lien upon all the shares  
"of any shareholder for all monies  
"due to the Society either from him  
"alone or jointly with any other  
"person and whose share is held  
"by more persons than one the  
"Society shall have a lien thereon  
"in respect of all monies so due to  
"it from all or any of the holders  
"thereof."

be eliminated in its entirety and  
"that in lieu thereof the following  
"new Article be inserted as Article  
"No. 9:—  
"The Society shall have a first and  
"paramount lien upon all the shares  
"registered in the name of each  
"shareholder (whether solely or  
"jointly with others) and upon the  
"proceeds of sale thereof, for his  
"debts, liabilities and engagements,  
"in whole or jointly with any  
"other person, to or with the  
"Society, whether the period for  
"the payment, fulfilment, or dis-  
"charge thereof shall have actually  
"arrived or not, and no equitable  
"interest in any share shall be  
"created except upon the footing  
"and condition that Clause 34  
"hereof is to have full effect. And  
"such lien shall extend to all  
"dividends from time to time  
"declared in respect of such  
"shares."

3. "That after Article No. 34 of the  
"Society's Articles of Association  
"the following new Article be inser-  
"ted as Article No. 34:—  
"Save as herein otherwise provided  
"the Society shall be entitled to  
"treat the registered holder of any  
"share as the absolute owner there-  
"of, and accordingly shall not,  
"except as ordered by a Court of  
"competent jurisdiction, or as by  
"Ordinance required, be bound to  
"recognise any equitable or other  
"claim to or interest in such share  
"on the part of any other person,  
"firm, Company or Corporation."

4. "That the heading of Article No.  
"95 to 100 (inclusive) of the Society's  
"Articles of Association reading: "The  
"Secretary" be altered so as to read  
"the General Manager; and that in  
"the last mentioned Articles (Nos.  
"95 to 100 inclusive) wherever the  
"word 'Secretary' appears such word  
"be eliminated and in lieu thereof  
"the word 'General Manager' be  
"inserted."

5. "That in the following Articles  
"of the Society's 'Articles of  
"Association,' Articles Nos. 2,  
"7, 25, 36, 45, 47, 53, 55, 64, 94,  
"103 and 129 the word 'Secretary'  
"wherever it occurs be eliminated  
"and that in lieu thereof the word  
"'General Manager' be inserted."

Dated this 4th day of December 1915.

By Order of the Board,  
Q. MONTAGUE EDE,  
Secretary

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2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
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A LARGE QUANTITY OF  
VALUABLE TEAKWOOD AND  
BLACKWOOD FURNITURE,  
BRASS FENDERS, FIRE GRATES,  
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As follows:  
Three Upholstered Suites, Arm-chairs and  
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Double and Single Brass-mounted Bed-  
steads, Sideboards and Chiffonier by  
Powell, Ltd., Dinner Wagon, Extension  
Dining Tables and Chairs, Tea and  
Occasional Tables, etc., etc., Dinner, Tea  
and Coffee Services, Crockery, Glass and  
E.P. Ware, 2 Cooking Stoves, Cudlery,  
Brass Fenders, Curtain Poles, etc., etc.

Four Pianos (in good condition) Electric  
Reading Lamps, One large 4-Fold Black-  
wood Screen and a quantity of Blackwood  
Furniture, 2 Rickshaws, Perambulators,  
etc.,  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)  
Terms:—Cash.  
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Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1915. 1052

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JAPANESE CURTAINS, &c., &c.,  
Comprising:  
Large Silk-embroidered and inlaid  
Screens, Silk-embroidered Wall Hangings  
and Cushion Covers, Bronze and Brass  
Lanterns, Bowls, Carvings, Vases, Figures,  
&c., Statues and Cloisonne Vases, Inlaid  
Burners and Ornaments, a number of Ivory  
Carvings, Mother-of-pearl Inlaid Panels  
and Plaques, Tortoise-shell Toilet Sets,  
Hand-painted Dishes and Plates, Inlaid  
Bowls, Wall Plates, &c., Gold Damascene  
Ware, Kags and Nagaya Tea Sets, etc., etc.  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)  
Terms:—Cash.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1915. 1055

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions from THE LIQUIDATORS OF  
MESSRS. CARLWITZ & CO., to sell by  
Public Auction,  
on  
**WEDNESDAY,**  
the 15th December, 1915, at 2.30 p.m., at  
No. 11, Connaught Road,  
Second Floor,  
A QUANTITY OF  
OFFICE FURNITURE,  
&c., &c.,

Comprising:  
Several Desks, Sample and Show Cases,  
Filing Cabinets, Pigeon Holes, etc., etc.,  
a number of Typewriters in good condition,  
Copying Presses, Electric Fittings, Clocks,  
etc.,  
Also  
Four large Fire proof Safes, made in  
Europe, Machine for cleaning feathers and  
One Machine for weighing human hair.  
(Full Particulars from Catalogue.)  
On view from the 14th inst.  
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HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, Dec. 9, 1915. 1048

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms,  
No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Ice  
House Street,  
ONE PERAMBULATOR,  
PRACTICALLY NEW,  
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HUGHES & HOUGH,  
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## AUCTIONS.

### PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

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the 18th December, 1915, commencing at  
2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,  
Des Vaux Road, Corner of  
Ice House Street.

A LARGE CONSIGNMENT OF  
MECHANICAL,  
AND  
ASSORTED TOYS.  
Particulars will be published later.  
Terms:—Cash.  
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Hongkong, Dec. 10, 1915. 1054

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell at their Sales Rooms,  
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One Piano by Broadwood & Sons (good  
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condition,  
One "by Brinsford & Son, good  
condition,  
One "by Montague & Weston, good  
condition,  
Two Boudoir Grand Pianos by Broadwood  
& Sons,  
Piano by Koch & Sohne,  
Piano by Weidenstaebe.  
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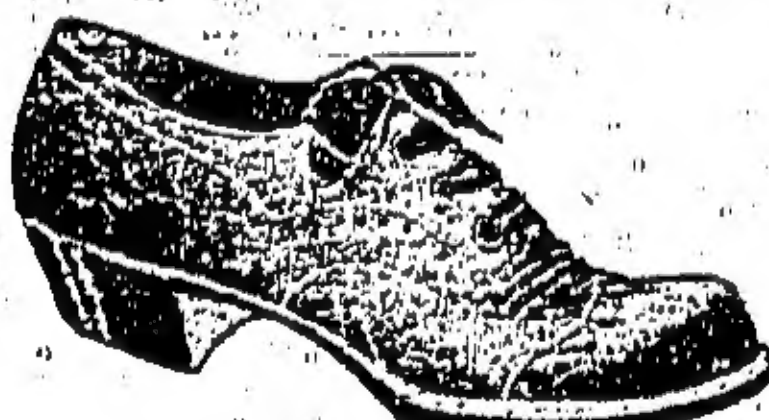
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mined, in face of the greater difficul-  
ties, in its resolution to conquer.

## AMERICA AND THE WAR.

### LIVES OR DOLLARS?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.  
In the Senate, Mr. Hoke Smith  
proposed a resolution asking for an  
investigation into belligerent inter-  
ference with neutral trade.  
Senator Lodge moved an amend-  
ment, asking for an investigation of  
the bomb plots and submarine at-  
tacks involving American lives.  
Senator Lodge was cheered when  
he said American lives were more  
important than American dollars.

### SIR WILFRID LAURIER ON AMERICA'S ATTITUDE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 11.  
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in a speech  
delivered before a crowded Liberal  
meeting, said he was convinced that  
the victory would be secured by the  
Allies. He denounced a section of  
the Quebec Nationalists who did not  
favour Canada's participation in the  
war, and praised the leading National-  
ist, Mr. Asselin, who was raising a  
regiment for "Overseas service." He  
said the question had been asked why  
the Liberals did not attack the  
Government. The reason was, "be-  
cause I am chief of the Liberal  
Party, and as long as I have the  
honour of presiding over its destinies,  
it will not seek to triumph by taking  
advantage of a pressing situation."  
Referring to the attitude of  
America, Sir Wilfrid said the world  
understands that, if Germany  
triumphs, the United States will  
regret its neutrality, as Great Brit-  
ain to-day regrets her neutrality in  
1870.

### BRITISH M.P.'S. AND THE WAR.

"MORE GINGER" DESIRED.  
LONDON, Dec. 11.  
The Times states that there is  
growing dissatisfaction among Mem-  
bers of Parliament, without distinc-  
tion of party, at the Government's  
conduct of the war. Even the  
Labourites are asking for "more  
ginger." The unnatural calm of the  
few weeks past will not last long.  
Public opinion outside the Commons  
is growing sterner.

### AUSTRALIA AND THE WAR.

ANOTHER 50,000 MEN BEING  
RAISED.  
SYDNEY, Dec. 11.  
Mr. Hughes is confident that  
there will be no difficulty in raising  
an additional 50,000 men. The  
recruiting campaign will be in full  
swing next week.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 11.  
The Commonwealth 4 per cent  
War Loan has reached the record  
notation of 1014.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

GERMAN WORKS SERIOUSLY  
DAMAGED.  
PARIS, Dec. 11.  
A communiqué says that the night  
has been quiet except in Champagne,  
where, notwithstanding the persist-  
ence of rain, there were sharp fusil-  
lades and torpedo fighting.

Details regarding yesterday's  
operations confirm the effectiveness  
of our artillery between the Oise and  
the Aisne.

On the Quenneviere plateau, in the  
Vendresell-Troyon district, German  
works have been seriously damaged.

### SEVERE ARTILLERY DUEL.

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been a severe artillery duel in Bel-  
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manoeuvring in Argonne and Alsace.  
Our fire on the heights of the Meuse  
seriously damaged the enemy  
defence.

### BOMBS DROPPED ON ANCONA.

ROME, Dec. 11.  
Enemy airmen have dropped  
bombs on Ancona, two people being  
killed and some wounded.

### SUBMARINE WARFARE.

ALLIED AND NEUTRAL VESSELS  
ATTACKED.  
LONDON, Dec. 11.  
The Italian steamer *Dante  
Alighieri* has been sunk.  
Reuter's Washington correspon-  
dent states that the Standard Oil

Company's tank steamer *Petrolite*,  
which was recently attacked by a  
submarine in the Mediterranean, has  
arrived at Algiers.  
The Norwegian steamer *Nereus*  
has been sunk, the mate being  
drowned.  
The British steamer *Baird* has  
been sunk, and the crew landed at  
Alexandria.

ATHENS, Dec. 12.  
The Greek steamer *Gouladris* was  
traveling to England when it was  
torpedoed by a German submarine.  
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were towed for some distance by the  
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MORE SUSPICIOUS FIRES IN  
AMERICA.  
LONDON, Dec. 11.  
Half a million bushels of Canadian  
wheat, which were awaiting ship-  
ment to Entente countries at Erie,  
Pennsylvania, have been destroyed  
by fire. The cause is unknown.

THE INCREASED INCOME-TAX.  
LONDON, Dec. 11.  
At a large meeting in the City, at-  
tended by prominent representatives of  
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SPAIN'S NEW GOVERNMENT.  
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ALLIED ARMY IN SERBIA.  
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# THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Editor's Service to the China Mail.)

### THE FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

#### ALLIES CONTINUE THEIR RETREAT.

PARIS, Dec. 13. The Allies continue their retreat in the Balkans. Several Bulgarian attacks have been repulsed.

#### BRITISH FIGHT AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS.

#### SUCCESSFUL WITHDRAWAL.

LONDON, Dec. 12. War Office reports state that after violent attacks by the enemy in overwhelming numbers the Tenth Division is succeeding with the help of reinforcements in retiring to a strong position from Lake Doiran westward towards the Vardar Valley.

In conjunction with their Allies the Division is reported to have fought well against the heaviest odds.

It was largely due to the gallantry of the troops, especially the Munsters, Dublins and Connaughts, that the withdrawal was successfully accomplished.

Owing to the mountainous nature of the country it was necessary to place eight field guns for the purpose of defence in a position from which it was impossible to withdraw them when the retirement was effected.

Our casualties are about 1,500.

#### MORE BRITISH TROOPS AT SALONIKA.

SALONIKA, Dec. 12. More British troops landed on Friday.

Fog continues to an unusual extent.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Reuter's Agency learns that it is beyond doubt that the Allies have decided not to withdraw from Salonika.

#### THE ALLIES AND GREECE.

#### SETTLEMENT PRACTICALLY ATTAINED.

ATHENS, Dec. 12. It is semi-officially stated that a definite settlement of the situation has been practically attained.

PARTIAL DEMOBILISATION BEING SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED.

LATER. The Athens newspapers announce that partial demobilisation is being seriously considered and the possibility of a reduction of the force under arms by half.

#### RECRUITING IN GREAT BRITAIN.

#### REMARKABLE SCENES.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Yesterday and on Friday there were such large crowds at the recruiting offices that, despite the opening of scores of extra offices throughout the country, it was completely impossible to deal with the thousands who waited for hours in long queues in the rain. Consequently the time limit has been extended until midnight to-night (Sunday). If it is still impossible to cope with the rush, simply the names of applicants will be taken, and men will be allowed to attest till Wednesday.

Mr. Steel-Maitland, Under-Secretary for the Colonies, has enlisted under the group system.

The King has again set an example in a Message from Windsor in which His Majesty announced that a great number of the Royal servants enlisted long ago and that in compliance with His Majesty's wishes all eligible in the Royal service had attested and been placed in their respective groups.

Mr. O'Grady, M.P., who is a member of Lord Derby's Committee, in an interview says that he is convinced that something like a miracle has been accomplished, and that when Lord Derby's report is presented it will be found that the nation has never risen to the occasion to such an extent at any time in its history.

### WESTERN FRONT.

#### ALL QUIET.

PARIS, Dec. 12. To-day's communique says: "There is nothing to report."

#### ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 13. Field-Marshal Sir John French reports that sixteen aeroplanes heavily bombed the stone depot at Miramont, and also an aerodrome. Both objectives are believed to have been considerably damaged.

Our artillery continued its bombardment of the enemy's lines, breaching the parapet in several places. Our artillery started a fire yesterday in the Cite St. Elie, which was still burning in the afternoon.

A small party of bombers entered a strongly-held German trench near Neuve Chapelle, destroyed a machine gun, and disabled a number of the enemy. The bombing party had only four wounded.

The weather is very stormy and wet.

#### THE FRENCH MILITARY COMMANDS.

PARIS, Dec. 12. An official note with reference to General Castelnau (the French Commander-in-Chief on the Western Front) says: "The present war has proved that the single command is more than ever necessary when the several Allied armies have concerted their views in order to adopt a single plan applicable to all theatres and operations. Hence the recent decision whereby General Joffre has been entrusted with the direction of our armies on all fronts. General Joffre, by virtue of the decree of October 1913 providing for the appointment of a Chief of Staff, selected General Castelnau as Chief of Staff."

#### LIVELY TRENCH FIGHTING IN BELGIUM.

PARIS, Dec. 13. A communique announces lively fighting with trench guns in Belgium wherein the enemy was silenced.

#### THE AUSTRO-ITALIAN FRONT.

#### AN ITALIAN SUCCESS.

LONDON, Dec. 12. An Austrian communique admits that the Austrians have been forced to retire from Montevies, between the Chiave and Cencel Valleys. Fighting has been resumed near Gorizia.

#### THE DIVISION OF THE SPOILS.

#### AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN DISSENSIONS.

ZURICH, Dec. 12. Austro-Hungarian dissensions over the administration of occupied territories is accentuated by rumours at Budapest that the Austrian commander removed the Hungarian Standard at Belgrade.

The matter has formed the subject of an interpellation in the Hungarian Diet, and the Premier expressed the opinion that the Austrians ought to administer Russian Poland and the Hungarians Serbia.

#### STRANDED BRITISH CARGO BOAT ATTACKED.

#### GERMAN HYDROPLANES DRIVEN OFF.

PARIS, Dec. 13. A British cargo steamer, while stranded on the Belgian coast, was attacked by three German hydroplanes, which dropped bombs. Several allied aeroplanes hastened to the spot and drove off the Germans, while French torpedo boats from Dunkirk towed off the steamer under fire from a German battery.

#### THE CHILDREN'S COLDS.

WATCH the children's colds and cure them before they weaken the vitality. Use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely. It is perfectly safe. It has been tested by chemists and pronounced free from all injurious substances and contains but a trifling amount of opium.

### GERMANY'S ASPIRATIONS.

#### UNEASINESS IN HOLLAND.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12. Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg's speeches in the German Reichstag have caused uneasiness in Holland where the general view is that Holland's independence depends upon Belgium's.

This uneasiness is voiced by the Handelsblad which says of one of the German Chancellor's speeches that it means that Germany will not listen to demands for the complete restitution of Belgian independence, and that the only peace she contemplates is one whereby no country is able to attack her. The Handelsblad, remarking that this is a strange kind of defensive war, says it is convinced that Dr. Bethmann-Hollweg will later recognise his mistake, but at present peace is more remote than ever.

#### AMERICA'S STRONG NOTE TO AUSTRIA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12. The Note to Austria regarding the sinking of the *Lucania* insists on a prompt disavowal of the act and reparation. It emphasises that the liner was shelled and torpedoed, while many persons were yet aboard. Thus Americans were killed. The Note says that the commander of the submarine violated international law and committed wanton slaughter of defenceless non-combatants, since the liner was not resisting nor attempting to escape. The United States is unwilling to believe that Austria permits submarines to destroy the lives of helpless men, women and children, and prefers to believe that the commander committed the outrage without authority.

#### INDIAN ORATOR AT OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12. A large gathering has been addressed by Mr. Rostum Rostounjee, a Bombay Editor, who was introduced by H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, the Governor-General.

Mr. Rostounjee expressed pride in the grand part India was playing in the world crisis, and declared that the people of India were loyal to a man. He characterised as "Teutonic inventions," the stories of sedition, graphically described the engagements in which the Indian troops had participated in all the theatres of the war, and paid a tribute to the splendid sacrifices of the native Princes in the cause of the Empire. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Rostounjee for his address.

### CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

#### CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN CHINA.

#### EMPEROR YUAN SHIH KAI.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12. The Peking Council of State, after voting on the question of the change of Government, petitioned Yuan Shih Kai to accept the position of Emperor. He at first declined, but when petitioned a second time accepted with the proviso that he should continue to act as President until a convenient time for the Coronation.

LATER. The representative at Peking of the Associated Press telegraphs that President Yuan Shih Kai has accepted the Throne of China.

(Wah Tsz Yat Po's Service.)

#### REVERSION TO MONARCHY.

#### YUAN SHIH KAI DECLINES THE THRONE.

PEKING, Dec. 12. The President, in a lengthy mandate, declines the offer of the throne, but announces his willingness to hold the post of President. He returns to the administrative Council the petition urging him to ascend the throne, and requests the representatives to elect another person as Emperor.

LATER. All the various forms of a return to a monarchical form of Government. Prince Fuhlen, acting as the representative of the Manchukuo Royal family, forwarded a letter to the Council on the 12th inst. nominating Yuan Shih Kai as Emperor of China. The President declined the dignity.

### NAVAL OFFICERS REPRIMANDED.

#### PEKING, Dec. 12.

Lee Ting Soa and Chu Tsung Fong, naval commanders at Shanghai, have been reprimanded by the Naval Ministry for having neglected to take adequate precautions to prevent such an outrage as that which occurred recently when a body of rebels gained possession of the cruiser *Shiu-wu*.

### EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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#### HEROIC FIGHTING BY ALLIES.

#### SUCCESSFUL RESISTANCE THOUGH FOUR TIMES OUT-NUMBERED.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Despatches from Macedonia show that the Allies have been fighting in a most heroic manner against an enemy four times out-numbering them. The Bulgarians attacked with four Divisions, one from the north, another from the west, and two against the British from the east. Admirable artillery work counter-balanced the inferiority of the British numbers.

The small town of Peiran is the pivot of the fighting, of which the British have borne the brunt. There was an especially splendid fight in the mountains between Strumitsa and Valandovo, where the Bulgarians, in trying to separate the Anglo-French, pierced the first French line. The French, reforming on the second, counter-attacked and not merely recaptured the positions but compelled the Bulgars to retreat. The object of the enemy, apparently, was to encircle the British positions and to penetrate into Greek territory. The splendid British defence foiled the enveloping plan.

#### FRENCH FRONT ATTACKED.

PARIS, Dec. 12. A communique states: "The Bulgarians on Friday attacked along almost the whole of the French front. The principal effort was made against the left. All the attacks failed."

#### BULGARIAN ASSERTIONS.

LONDON, Dec. 11. A Bulgarian communique asserts that 400 British were captured with the guns mentioned yesterday. It says that the French retirement already reported, was accompanied by desperate fighting, the French leaving dead and wounded of eight different regiments. The French only left Gradets at four o'clock in the morning, after terrible street fighting all night.

#### GREECE TO ACCEDE TO ALLIES' DEMANDS.

ATHENS, Dec. 11. A message dated the 10th inst. says it is understood in diplomatic circles that Greece has decided to accede to the demands of the *Entente* with reference to the Expeditionary Corps. A portion of the Greek troops are withdrawing from Salonika in order not to hamper the Franco-British measures for the defence of the town. Other matters will be settled shortly to the satisfaction of the Allies.

#### THE ALLIES AND SALONIKA.

LONDON, Dec. 11. A message from Reuter's correspondent at Milan states that it is reported that Signor Sarraile is proceeding to Athens to confer directly with King Constantine and his staff on facilities at Salonika.

The Allies have already constructed telegraphs and telephones, but greater liberty of movement is desired.

#### CHEYGELI.

SALONIKA, Dec. 11. A later message from Salonika says that the reported occupation of Cheygeli is untrue.

#### COMPLETE CALM ALONG ALLIED FRONT.

SALONIKA, Dec. 11. There was complete calm on Thursday and early on Friday morning along the Allied front. The retirement is proceeding in good order. The political situation is engrossing attention.

#### THE DARDANELLES.

#### VIOLENT BOMBARDMENT OF ALLIED LINES.

PARIS, Dec. 12. A communique states: "The Turks at the Dardanelles increased their artillery fire on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, violently bombarding our first lines with guns of every calibre, particularly our extreme right. Mining warfare has been much more active on both sides of the Dardanelles. A Turkish aeroplane on Wednesday unsuccessfully bombed the camp at Sedd-il-Bahr."

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### FIGHTING IN PERSIA.

#### PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.

The Teheran newspapers are filled with details of this Russian victory at Hamadan, Europeans, Armenians, and Russophile Persians are exulting, and the anti-Russians are dismayed.

#### ANOTHER SPEECH BY THE GERMAN CHANCELLOR.

#### GERMANY FIGHTING A DEFENSIVE WAR.

#### AMSTERDAM, Dec. 10.

The German Chancellor, concluded two prolonged speeches in the Reichstag, by endeavouring again to emphasise the notion that Germany throughout has been fighting a defensive war and could not speak of peace conditions until she had seen the enemies' conditions. He refused to go into details; he could not say, for instance, what guarantees Germany would demand regarding Belgium, but neither in the West nor in the East must their enemies have the means of invading Germany, whose economic development, also, must be safeguarded.

#### OBITUARY.

#### LORD ELLENBOROUGH.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The death is announced of Lord Ellenborough, formerly Commander the Hon. Edward Downes Law, R.N. (Lord Ellenborough served in the Russian War, the Chinese War of 1857-59, and the Ashanti War of 1873.)

#### MR. JOSEPH EZRA.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Ezra, the senior partner in the well-known Calcutta firm of that name. In his obituary notice, the *Times* testifies to his wide philanthropy, and to his hospitality and kindness to Indian soldiers.

(Continued on page 3.)

### SANITARY BOARD.

At the meeting of this Board, to-morrow the business will be:—

1. Letter from Government relative to the erection of 3 water closets and one urinal at Broomfield, Battery, Path, Island Lot No. 82.
2. List of legal proceedings taken by this Department against persons for breaches of the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance No. 1 of 1903, for the month of November, 1915.
3. Unlawful return for the fortnight ending 30th November 1915.
4. Mortality return for Hongkong for the weeks ending 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th November, 1915.
5. Mortality return for Macao for the weeks ending 21st and 28th November, 1915.
6. Rat return for the weeks ending 27th November and 4th December, 1915.

### HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

#### ROUTE MARCH.

The Route March, postponed from Dec. 10th, will take place on Wednesday, Dec. 15th. All ranks will start at 8.30 P.M. sharp. The Parade of Company Inspectors and Sergeants fixed for that day is cancelled.

#### RECRUITS.

Recruits will parade on Tuesday and Thursday, Dec. 14 and 16th, as warned in Orders of Dec. 10th/11th.

#### DETAILS.

On all parades with rifles, 30 rounds of ammunition must be carried.

#### STREET CLOSURE PART I.

Details of No. 2 Company etc. as warned by M. I. will be on Sunday Dec. 19th. Leave Blake Pier 9 a.m.

#### RESERVE BAND.

Tuesday, Dec. 14th—Orchestra Practice. Friday, Dec. 17th—Band Practice. (Sgd.) F. O. JENKIN, D.S.P. (Reserve).

#### HAWKER'S GAMBLING CONTRIVANCE.

A device in the form of a disc-marked board with corner springs attached which throw metal coins into cups after the same manner as the once popular game "tiddly winks," was produced in Mr. Lindell's Court this morning as evidence in a charge of gambling.

The Magistrate examined the contrivance and observed he thought the game required skill.

The defendant, who appeared indignant at the charge, said he never received a cent from the game. He sold sweets, for which the players staked their money on the springs.

Special Police Constable Arnold, who made the arrest gave a different version, illustrating how money was won and lost on the machine.

Inspector Brazil said the game came under the Lotteries Ordinance.

Defendant was fined \$5.

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LONDON & BOMBAY via NANKIN	Capt. G. MANLEY	About 30th Dec.	Freight and Passage
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NELLORE	Capt. A. M. KING	About 1st Jan.	Freight and Passage

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SHANGHAI	SHIRANO	Dec. 16, at 4 p.m.
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HAIPHONG	TAKSANG	THURSDAY, Dec. 14, at 8 a.m.
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SHANGHAI	YUSANG	FRIDAY, Dec. 17, Daylight.
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TENSHIN MARU, Capt. Yamazaki, Tons 8,000, THURSDAY, 16th Dec., at Noon.

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